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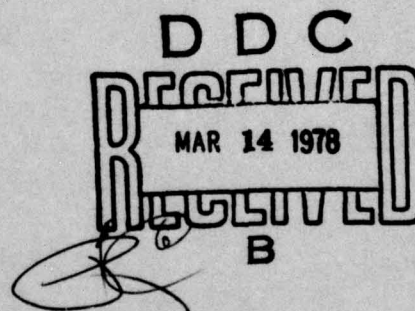
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This report presents data received from commuter air carrier operators who reported activity data to the Civil Aeronautics Board during the quarter ending September 30, 1976. Tables have been prepared from extractions reported on CAB Form 298-C (Schedule A-1) "Report of Aircraft Operated," and CAB Form 298-C (Schedule T-2) "Report of Flights Operated."		
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## PREFACE

The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) on April 23, 1969, issued amendments to the Economic Regulations Part 298-Classification and Exemption of Air Taxi Operators to be effective July 1, 1969. One of the amendments set forth by CAB in Part 298 required all air taxi operators to register before July 1, 1969, and annually thereafter.

The CAB also designated air taxi operators who perform scheduled services as commuter air carriers and required them to file quarterly reports (Form CAB 298-C) not later than 40 days after the close of each calendar quarter. These forms include traffic data, type of aircraft operated, and their published flight schedules.

Commuter air carriers as defined by CAB are "those operators who perform, pursuant to published schedules, at least five round trips per week between two or more points, or carry mail."

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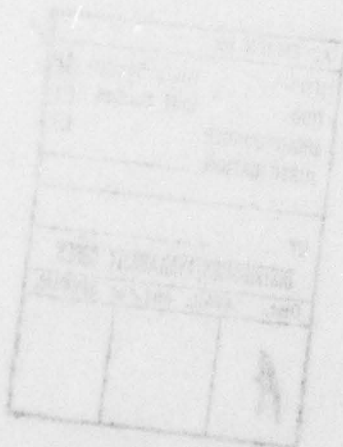
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## METHODOLOGY

Data for this report were received from 180 commuter air carrier operators. Tables have been prepared from extractions reported on CAB Form 298-C (Schedule A-1) "Report of Aircraft Operated" and CAB Form 298-C (Schedule T-2).

Dollar values of aircraft utilized are obtained from the highest current values of the Aircraft Bluebook published by the Aircraft Dealers Service Association. These values are determined on the assumption that the aircraft has about 250 hours airframe time for each year since manufacture, no damage history, navigational equipment adequate for its type, and engine hours not exceeding 50 percent of recommended time between overhaul.



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## GENERAL

There were 180 Commuter Air Carriers who reported operations to CAB for the quarter ending September 30, 1976, an increase of 4.7 percent over last year. The number of aircraft operated by these carriers increased 9.3 percent to 1,043 units with an estimated value of \$220,376,070. Available seats increased 8.4 percent from 12,706 in 1975 to 13,768 in 1976. Available cargo capacity was reported to be 1,579,804 lbs. in 1976. During this three month period there were 367,591 flights made by this group, 33.9 percent above the 274,547 reported for last year.

The tables show that aircraft manufactured by Beech (294), Piper (195), and Cessna (181) continue to be the aircraft most utilized for this type of operation. The five most popular aircraft used by the commuters are: Beech 99 (87), Piper PA-31 (77), Douglas DC-3 (73), Dehavilland DHC-6 (61), and Piper PA-32 (39).

The Southern region led all other regions with 36 operators and 215 aircraft, followed by the Eastern region with 31 operators and 128 aircraft. The 20 leading commuters operated 381 aircraft and accounted for 36.5 percent of the total fleet.

The tables showing passenger and crew seats are necessarily average or median numbers since some aircraft have been modified either to carry more passengers than the standard model or less passengers to carry more cargo. The tables showing available cargo capacity use the actual cargo capacities in pounds reported by the operators.

Table 1. Summary of Commuter Air Carrier Operators

	September 1970	September 1971	September 1972	September 1973	September 1974	September 1975	September 1976
Number of Operators	140	127	142	174	190	172	180
Alaskan Region	5	4	4	8	12	12	13
Central Region	11	13	15	11	12	10	8
Eastern Region	21	24	28	26	25	24	31
Great Lakes Region	24	18	17	27	26	22	23
New England Region	12	10	10	14	15	12	13
Northwest Region	4	8	8	14	15	11	9
Pacific Region	3	2	5	6	6	8	6
Rocky Mountain Region	9	5	7	6	10	8	9
Southern Region	25	21	22	28	30	29	36
Southwest Region	13	9	13	17	19	16	13
Western Region	13	13	13	17	20	20	19
Number of Aircraft	741	743	751	855	1,042	954	1,043
Jet	--	--	10	29	40	40	29
Turbo-Prop	187	175	165	175	227	200	214
Single Engine Piston	124	103	94	125	182	186	150
Multiengine Piston	424	459	455	515	593	578	650
Helicopters	6	6	27	11	---	---	---
Available Seats	7,883	8,165	8,333	9,918	<sup>†</sup> 12,846	12,706	13,768
Available Cargo Capacity	*	*	*	*	1,905,609	1,895,598	1,579,804
Value of Aircraft (000)	\$102,290	\$107,317	\$124,920	\$159,699	+\$229,002	+\$210,594	+\$220,376

<sup>†</sup>Revised

\*Not Compiled

Table 2. Number and Estimated Dollar Value of Aircraft in Commuter Air Carrier Service,  
by Type and Manufacturer: 1975 and 1976

Item	September 1976		September 1975	
	Number of Aircraft	Dollar Value*	Number of Aircraft	Dollar Value*

Type of Aircraft

TOTAL	1,043	220,376,070	954	210,594,277
Fixed-Wing	1,043	220,376,070	954	210,594,277
Piston	800	72,217,170	714	41,761,130
Turboprop	214	101,758,900	200	110,004,147
Turbojet	29	46,400,000	40	58,829,000
Helicopter	0	0	0	0

Manufacturer

Aero Commander	28	1,281,500	15	773,176
Aerostar	3	322,500	1	125,000
American	---	---	---	---
Beechcraft	294	37,647,520	290	36,264,800
Bell	---	---	---	---
Bellanca	---	---	1	8,650
Britten-Norman	25	3,215,940	32	4,181,970
Cessna	181	14,461,455	161	9,740,683
Convair	5	1,895,000	11	5,495,000
Curtiss	8	1,000,000	4	2,800,000
Dassault	29	46,400,000	33	52,800,000
DeHavilland	107	47,598,000	110	45,872,500
Douglas	74	5,535,000	66	5,290,000
Enstrom	---	---	---	---
Fairchild	---	---	3	2,400,000
Ford	---	---	---	---
Grumman	30	4,850,000	33	5,500,000
Hamilton	1	NA	---	---
Handley-Page	7	5,250,000	5	3,750,000
Helio-Courier	3	119,500	1	71,750
Learjet	---	---	6	5,329,000
Carstedt	1	165,000	---	---
Lockheed	1	75,000	1	75,000
Martin	9	900,000	7	700,000
Mitsubishi	---	---	2	796,000
Mooney	---	---	---	---
Noorduyn	---	---	---	---
Nord	12	6,000,000	10	5,000,000
Piper	195	24,162,755	136	9,348,498
Short Brothers	11	8,250,000	10	7,500,000
Sikorsky	---	---	---	---
Stinson	---	---	2	13,250
Swearingen	19	11,246,900	14	6,759,000
Ted Smith	---	---	---	---



Table 3. Twenty Leading Commuter Air Carrier Operators in Rank by Order Of Aircraft Utilized, September 1975 and September 1976

Rank	Name	Location	Type of Aircraft					
			September 1975			September 1976		
			Total	Single engine	Multi-engine	Total	Single engine	Multi-engine
1	S-M-B Stage Lines	Des Moines, IA	46	---	46	46	---	46
2	Skyway Aviation, Inc.	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	18	10	8	45	---	45
3	Great Western Airlines	Tulsa, OK	33	---	33	34	---	34
4	Federal Express Corp.	Memphis, TN	33	---	33	29	---	29
5	Puerto Rico Intl. Airlines	Isla Verde, PR	23	---	23	22	---	22
6	Provincetown-Boston Airlines, Inc.	Provincetown, MA	16	1	5	20	1	19
7	Capital Airlines	Manhattan, KS	13	9	4	16	10	6
8	Corporate Air, Inc.	Hartford, CT	10	---	10	16	---	16
9	Scenic Airlines, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV	14	---	14	16	2	14
10	Combs Airways, Inc.	Billings, MT	7	---	7	15	---	15
11	Polar Airways, Inc.	Anchorage, AK	9	2	7	15	2	13
12	Antilles Air Boats, Inc.	St. Thomas, VI	15	---	15	14	---	14
13	Commuter Airlines, Inc.	Binghamton, NY	13	---	---	13	---	13
14	Florida Airlines, Inc.	Tampa, FL	10	---	10	13	---	13
15	Altair Airlines, Inc.	Philadelphia, PA	11	---	11	13	---	13
16	Golden West Airlines, Inc.	Newport Beach, CA	12	---	12	12	---	12
17	L.A.B. Flying Service, Inc.	Haines, AK	*	---	---	11	4	7
18	Royal Hawaiian Air Service	Honolulu, HI	10	---	10	11	---	11
19	Air South, Inc.	St. Simons Island, GA	10	---	10	10	---	10
20	Dorado Wings, Inc.	Dorado, PR	10	---	10	10	---	10

\*Not Available

Table A. Total Number of Commuter Air Carrier Operators and Aircraft:  
September 30, 1970 - September 30, 1976

As of	Total Number of Operators	Total	Type of Aircraft				Average Number of Aircraft per Operator
			Fixed Wing			Helicopter	
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single engine	Multi- engine			
September 30, 1970	141	741	124	424	187	6	5.3
September 30, 1971	127	743	103	459	175	6	5.9
September 30, 1972	142	751	94	455	175	27	5.3
September 30, 1973	174	855	125	512	207	11	4.9
September 30, 1974	190	1,042	182	593	267	---	5.5
September 30, 1975	172	954	136	578	240	---	5.5
September 30, 1976	180	1,043	150	650	243	---	5.8

Table 5. Distribution of Commuter Air Carrier Aircraft Flown By Manufacturer,  
Ranked By Number Of Aircraft September 1975 and September 1976

Manufacturer	September 1975		September 1976		Percent Change
	Number of Aircraft	Percent of Total	Number of Aircraft	Percent of Total	
TOTAL	954	100.0	1,043	100.0	+9.3
Beechcraft	290	30.4	294	28.2	+1.4
Cessna	161	16.9	181	17.4	+12.4
Piper	136	14.3	195	18.7	+43.4
DeHavilland	110	11.5	107	10.3	+2.7
Douglas	66	6.9	74	7.0	+12.1
Grumman	33	3.5	30	2.9	-9.1
Dassault	33	3.5	29	2.8	-12.1
Britten-Norman	32	3.4	25	2.4	-21.9
Aero-Commander	15	1.6	28	2.7	+86.7
Swearingen	14	1.5	19	1.8	+35.7
Convair	11	1.2	5	0.5	-54.5
Nord	10	1.0	12	1.2	+20.0
Short Brothers	10	1.0	11	1.1	+10.0
Martin	7	0.7	9	0.9	+28.6
Learjet	6	0.6	0	0.0	-100.0
Handley-Page	5	0.5	6	0.6	+20.0
Curtiss	4	0.4	8	0.8	+100.0
Fairchild	3	0.3	0	0.0	-100.0
Mitsubishi	2	0.2	0	0.0	-100.0
Stinson	2	0.2	0	0.0	-100.0
Aerostar	1	0.1	3	0.3	+200.0
Bellanca	1	0.1	0	0.0	-100.0
Helio Courier	1	0.1	3	0.3	+200.0
Lockheed	1	0.1	1	0.1	0.0
Mooney Ranger	---	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Hamilton	---	0.0	1	0.1	+100.0
Ford	---	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Ted Smith	---	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
*Carstedt	---	0.0	1	0.1	+100.0
Jet Stream	---	---	1	0.1	+100.0

\*Texas Airplane



Table 6. Distribution of Commuter Air Carrier Aircraft Flown by Make and Model  
by FAA Region: September 30, 1976

Make and Model	Total	FAA Region										
		Alaskan	Central	Eastern	Great Lakes	New England	Northwest	Pacific	Rocky Mountain	Southern	Southwest	Western
TOTAL	1,043	83	130	128	96	96	25	27	67	215	86	93
Aero Commander	28	1	0	1	9	1	1	0	14	1	0	0
500B	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
560	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
680	7	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
680E	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
680W	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Aerostar	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
600	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beechcraft	294	0	78	56	52	22	5	3	8	20	42	6
185	49	0	37	3	0	5	0	1	0	2	1	0
D-18	12	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
D-18S	8	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
D18ST	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
E-18	35	0	19	1	9	1	0	0	0	5	0	0
E-18S	24	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	12	4
E18ST	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
G-18S	28	0	15	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	10	0
H-18	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
H-18S	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A-36	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C-45	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C-45H	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
B-36	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C-45J	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
B-55	7	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
B-50	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
D-55	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C-18S	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
B-80	6	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
V-35A	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
99	87	0	4	38	17	7	5	0	0	2	14	0
99A	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Turbine Volpar 18	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Tradewind	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westwind	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6. Distribution of Commuter Air Carrier Aircraft Flown by Make and Model  
by FAA Region: September 30, 1976 (Continued)

Make and Model	Total	FAA Region										
		Alaskan	Central	Eastern	Great Lakes	New England	Northwest	Pacific	Rocky Mountain	Southern	Southwest	Western
*Carstedt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
CJ-600	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Britten-Norman	25	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	16	1	1
BN-2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BN-2A	23	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	16	1	0
Cessna	181	29	30	10	6	11	10	17	19	10	9	30
172	12	0	6	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
177	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
180	10	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
182	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	2
185	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
206	15	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	1	2
207	19	4	5	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	5
210	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
310	11	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	2
337	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
402	36	1	11	2	2	2	2	9	0	0	0	7
402A	25	0	3	0	0	1	0	7	0	6	6	2
421	6	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
402B	15	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	7
401A	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
402C	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Convair	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2
440	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
580	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Curtiss	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
C-46	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Dassault	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0
DA-20	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0
DeHavilland	107	20	0	11	4	13	0	0	4	23	11	21
DHC-2	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DHC-6	61	9	0	10	2	10	0	0	4	0	11	15
DH-104	4	--	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
DH-11	1	--	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DH-114	8	--	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
DH-114-2X	22	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0

Table 6. Distribution of Commuter Air Carrier Aircraft Flown by Make and Model  
by FAA Region: September 30, 1976 (Continued)

Make and Model	Total	FAA Region										
		Alaskan	Central	Eastern	Great Lakes	New England	Northwest	Pacific	Rocky Mountain	Southern	Southwest	Western
Douglas	74	0	8	0	2	9	0	1	0	44	3	7
C-47	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
DC-3	73	0	8	0	2	9	0	1	0	43	3	7
Grumman	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	7
G-21A	23	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	7
G-73	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Handley-Page	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
137	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Jetstream JHP	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Helio Courier	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H-295	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H-250	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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Martin	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	0
404	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	0
Nord	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
262A	12	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piper	195	24	13	23	10	33	6	2	19	35	18	12
PA-18	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
PA-23E	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PA-23	37	1	1	7	4	9	0	0	3	7	4	1
PA-24	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PA-28	12	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	3	0	0
PA-30	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
PA-31	77	10	2	15	3	15	6	0	8	8	3	7
PA-32	39	5	2	0	1	6	0	2	3	10	8	2
PA-34	17	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	2
Short Brothers	11	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
SC-7	11	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0



Table 6. Distribution of Commuter Air Carrier Aircraft Flown by Make and Model  
by FAA Region: September 30, 1976 (Continued)

Make and Model	Total	FAA Region										
		Alaskan	Central	Eastern	Great Lakes	New England	Northwest	Pacific	Rocky Mountain	Southern	Southwest	Western
Swearingen	19	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Metro	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Metroliner	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
SA-226	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA-226TC	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Texas Airplane												

Table 7. Number of Available Passenger and Crew Seats in Commuter Air Carrier A/C  
by Manufacturer and Model, as of September 1975 - 1976

Make and Model	Aircraft		Passenger and Crew Seats*	Available Seats	
	September 1975	September 1976		September 1975	September 1976
TOTAL	954	1,043	---	12,846	13,768
Aero Commander	15	28	---	105	196
500B	11	15	7	77	105
560	1	3	7	7	21
680	2	7	7	14	49
680E	1	1	7	7	7
680W	---	1	7	---	7
500	---	1	7	---	7
Aerostar	1	3	---	6	18
600	---	3	6	---	18
601	1	---	6	6	---
Beechcraft	289	294	---	3,559	3,646
185	39	49	10	390	490
D18	20	12	10	200	120
D18S	21	7	10	210	70
D18ST	3	2	8	24	16
E18	22	35	10	220	350
E18S	39	24	10	390	240
E18ST	2	2	10	20	20
F18S	1	---	10	---	10
G18S	14	28	10	140	280
H18	---	2	10	---	20
H18S	4	5	10	40	50
A36	1	1	6	6	6
C45	1	3	10	10	30
C45G	1	---	10	10	---
C45H	4	1	10	40	10
C45J	1	2	10	10	20
B36	---	2	6	---	12
B50	2	1	6	12	6
B55	5	7	6	35	42
BE55B	10	---	6	60	---
D55	1	1	6	6	6
C18S	---	1	7	---	7
58	2	5	6	12	30

Table 7. Number of Available Passenger and Crew Seats in Commuter Air Carrier A/C  
by Manufacturer and Model, as of September 1975 - 1976 (Continued)

Make and Model	Aircraft		Passenger and Crew Seats*	Available Seats	
	September 1975	September 1976		September 1975	September 1976
65880	1	---	9	9	---
B80	---	6	7	---	42
80	3	---	7	21	---
A90	1	---	10	10	---
99	83	87	19	1,577	1,653
99A	3	2	17	51	34
100	1	1	15	15	15
Tradewind	1	1	9	9	9
Turbine Volpar 18	---	4	11	---	44
Westwind	3	1	9	27	9
V35A	---	1	5	---	5
Carstedt*	---	1	18	---	18
CJ600	---	1	18	---	18
Britten-Norman	32	25	---	320	250
BN2	1	2	10	10	20
BN2A	31	23	10	310	230
Cessna	161	181	---	1,120	1,285
170	1	---	4	4	---
172	15	12	4	60	48
177	4	2	4	16	8
180	11	10	4	44	40
182	6	9	4	24	36
182P	1	---	4	4	---
185	11	13	6	66	78
206	14	15	6	84	90
207	17	19	6	102	114
210	2	4	4	8	16
310	7	11	5	35	55
337	1	2	6	6	12
402	41	36	9	369	324
402A	21	25	10	210	250
402B	8	15	10	80	150
421	---	6	8	---	48
401A	---	1	6	---	6
402C	---	1	10	---	10
500	1	---	8	8	---

Table 7. Number of Available Passenger and Crew Seats in Commuter Air Carrier A/C  
by Manufacturer and Model, as of September 1975 - 1976 (Continued)

Make and Model	Aircraft		Passenger and Crew Seats*	Available Seats	
	September 1975	September 1976		September 1975	September 1976
Convair	11	5	---	484	220
340/440	2	---	44	88	---
440	7	3	44	308	132
580	2	2	44	88	88
Curtiss	4	8	65	260	520
C46	4	8	65	260	520
Dassault	33	29	---	528	464
DA20	33	29	16	528	464
DeHavilland	110	107	107	1,609	1,573
DHC2	11	11	8	88	88
DHC3	1	---	16	16	---
DHC6	57	61	16	912	976
DH104	6	4	13	78	52
DH114	10	9	19	190	171
DH1142X	25	22	13	325	286
Douglas	66	74	---	2,336	2,516
C47	2	1	34	68	34
DC3	62	73	34	2,108	2,482
DC6	2	---	80	160	---
Fairchild	3	---	20	60	---
F27	3	---	20	60	---
Grumman	33	30	---	269	242
G21A	26	23	9	234	207
G73	7	7	5	35	35
Handley-Page	5	7	---	50	80
137	5	6	10	50	60
Jetstream 1HP	---	1	20	---	20
Hamilton	---	1	NA	NA	NA
HA1	---	1	NA	NA	NA
Helio-Courier	1	3	---	6	18
H295	1	2	6	6	12
H250	---	1	6	---	6



Table 7. Number of Available Passenger and Crew Seats in Commuter Air Carrier A/C  
by Manufacturer and Model, as of September 1975 - 1976 (Continued)

Make and Model	Aircraft		Passenger and Crew Seats*	Available Seats	
	September 1975	September 1976		September 1975	September 1976
Learjet	6	---	---	50	---
24A	5	---	8	40	---
25B	1	---	10	10	---
Lockheed	1	1	10	10	10
10A	1	1	10	10	10
Martin	7	9	40	280	360
404	7	9	40	280	360
Mitsubishi	2	---	14	28	---
MU2F	2	---	14	28	---
Nord	10	12	---	286	372
262A	2	12	31	62	372
262	8	---	28	224	---
Piper	136	195	---	846	1,233
PA18	4	4	2	8	8
PA23E	2	2	6	12	12
PA23	36	37	5	180	185
PA24	1	2	4	4	8
PA28	4	12	4	16	48
PA30	3	5	4	12	20
PA31	49	77	8	392	616
PA32	28	39	6	168	234
PA34	9	17	6	54	102
Short Brothers	10	11	20	200	220
SC7	10	11	20	200	220
Stinson	2	---	5	10	---
SR-10E	2	---	5	10	---
Swearingen	14	19	---	282	356
Metro	5	5	22	110	110
Metroliner	1	4	10	10	40
SA-226	1	1	8	8	8
SA-226TC	7	9	22	154	198

Table 8. Summary of Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Region, Type of Aircraft,  
Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity September 1976

Operator Data		Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Flights	Available Cargo Capacity*
FAA Region	Number of Operators		Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
TOTAL	180	1,043	148	662	245	367,591	1,579,804
Alaskan	13	83	49	22	12	17,803	100,962
Central	8	130	19	107	4	3,675	650
Eastern	31	128	2	50	76	53,030	159,007
Great Lakes	23	96	3	63	30	42,323	192,034
New England	13	96	13	66	17	35,251	110,305
Northwest	9	25	6	14	5	12,655	20,941
Pacific	6	24	3	21	0	32,299	57,538
Rocky Mountain	9	67	22	41	4	13,573	98,240
Southern	36	215	17	157	41	74,172	569,353
Southwest	13	86	2	53	31	32,434	150,742
Western	19	93	12	56	25	50,376	120,050

\*Available Cargo Capacity in pounds

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
ALASKAN REGION Total 13 Operators		83	51	22	10	17,803	100,962
Alaska Aeronautical Industries Anchorage, AK	X	7	---	---	7 DHC-6	6,847	20,069
Alaska Air Service Anchorage, AK	X	3	---	1 C310 1 C402 1 AC500	---	6	3,100
Alaska Island Air, Inc. Petersburg, AK	---	5	1 DHC-2 3 C180	1 G-21A	---	83	6,229
Arctic Guide-Air Tour Barrow, AK	X	2	1 C185	---	1 DHC-6	198	4,700
Chitina Air Service, Inc. Cordova, AK	X	8	2 DHC-2 3 C185 2 C180	1 PA23	---	109	9,900
Eagle Air, Inc. Sitka, AK	---	5	3 C185 2 DHC-2	---	---	520	Not Available
40-Mile Air Tanacross, AK	---	6	1 H-295 2 PA18 1 C207 1 C206	1 C337	---	143	4,350
Foster Aviation Nome, AK	X	4	3 C185 1 C207	---	---	15	4,000
Hub Air Service, Inc. McGrath, AK	---	3	1 C206 1 PA28 1 PA32	---	---	19	2,650
L.A.B. Flying Service, Inc. Haines, AK	---	11	4 PA32 1 H-250 1 H-295 2 PA28 1 PA24	2 PA34	---	1,071	9,600
Polar Airways, Inc. Anchorage, AK	X	15	1 C180 1 C207	1 AC 10 PA31	2 VT	3,541	19,260
Southeast Skyways, Inc. Juneau, AK	---	8	3 C185 1 C180 1 C207	3 G-21A	---	1,345	10,600
Tyee Airlines, Inc. Ketchikan, AK	---	6	6 DHC-2 Beaver	---	---	3,906	6,504

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
CENTRAL REGION Total 8 Operators	---	130	19	107	4	17,172	277,930
Air Midwest, Inc. Wichita, KS	X	7	1 C206	6 C402	---	3,675	650
Brower Airways, Inc. Fort Madison, IA	X	3	---	3 C402A	---	2,898	4,500
Capitol Airlines Manhattan, KS	X	16	1 PA 1 C180 1 C210 5 C207 3 C172	1 LH10-A 3 C402 2 PA34	---	2,657	18,225
Horizon Airways, Inc. d.b.a. Air Missouri Kirksville, MO	X	3	---	1 C402 2 PA34 Seneca	---	718	1,700
Lawrence Aviation, Inc. Lawrence, KS	X	7	2 PA32 1 C182 3 C172	1 PA34	---	3,750	5,575
Sedalia, Marshall Booneville Stage Line, Inc. Des Moines, IA	X	46	---	37 BE18S 2 PA23E 1 PA31 4 DC-3C	2 BE99	1,218	121,540
Skyway Aviation, Inc. Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	X	45	---	4 DC-3 1 PA31 Navajo 1 PA Aztec 19 BE-TW 3 BE18H-TW 15 BE18G	2 BE-899	1,218	121,540
Trans-Mo Airlines Jefferson City, MO	X	3	1 C182 1 C206	1 C402	---	1,038	4,200



Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
EASTERN REGION Total 31 Operators	---	128	2	50	76	53,030	159,007
Aero Mech, Inc. Clarksburg, WV	X	9	---	1 C402B 1 C421	7 BE99	3,635	18,200
Alector Airways Corporation Newburgh, NY	X	1	---	1 BE58 Baron	---	120	0
Altair Airlines, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	X	13	---	---	9 BE99 4 Nord 262A	6,704	48,447
Appalachian Flying Service, Inc. Bluefield, WV	X	1	---	1 PA31 Navajo	---	245	1,600
Atlantic City Airlines, Inc. Atlantic City, NJ	X	3	---	1 BE-D18	2 DHC-6	3,157	1,900
Baltimore Airways d.b.a. Dovair Air Hearse, Inc. White Marsh, MD	---	2	---	1 PA34 1 BN2-21 Islander	---	375	N/A
Buffalo Aeronautical Corp. Buffalo, NY	X	1	---	1 BE18S	---	4	2,500
Burlington Airways Medford, NJ	X	5	---	2 BE18-TW 2 BE-D18 1 BE18E	---	694	14,300
Cardinal Airlines Lynchburg, VA	X	4	---	1 PA31 1 C310 1 C402 1 C421	---	400	6,000
Catskill Airways, Inc. Oneonta, NY	X	2	---	1 BE-B80 1 BE58	---	312	Not Available
Chautauqua Airways, Inc. Jamestown, NY	X	2	---	---	2 BE-B99	1,705	N/A all pass.
Colgan Airways Corp. Manassas, VA	X	3	---	1 PA31	2 BE99A	1,396	500
Commuter Airlines, Inc. Binghamton, NY	X	13	---	6 PA31 3 BE-D18S	4 SA Met.	2,875	12,100

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
Crown Airways, Inc. Falls Creek, PA	X	3	---	---	1 SA Met. 2 DHC-6	1,380	2,300
Empire Airlines Oriskany, NY	X	3	---	1 PA31-350 Navajo Chief. 1 PA31-310 Nav. 1 PA23-250 Aztec	---	516	N/A
Falwell Aviation, Inc. Lynchburg, VA	X	2	---	1 AC680FL 1 PA31	---	376	4,100
Federal Carriers White Lake, NY	X	4	1 C172	1 BE18 1 PA23 1 C421	---	292	845
Freestate Aviation, Inc. Gaithersburg, MD	X	1	---	---	1 BE99	125	3,000
Henson Aviation, Inc. Hagerstown, MD	X	6	---	---	6 BE99	8,131	only pass.
Heussler Helicopter Corp. Buffalo, NY	X	2	---	1 C402B 1 C401A	---	321	1,550
Mall Airways, Inc. Albany, NY	X	3	---	1 PA23-250 1 PA23-160	1 DH104	198	950
Monmouth Air Lines, Inc. Farmingdale, NJ	X	4	---	1 PA31 1 PA23	2 BE99	1,668	9,600
Montauk Caribbean Airways, Inc. Montauk, NY	---	4	1 BE-B36	1 BE58 Baron 1 BE-D55 1 PA31 Navajo	---	840	only pass.
Pennsylvania Commuter Airlines New Cumberland, PA	X	6	---	---	6 BE99	5,540	3,000
Perkiomen Airways, Ltd. Reading, PA	X	4	---	1 PA23 Aztec 1 PA23 Apache 1 PA31	1 BE99	1,280	6,400

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
Pocono Airlines, Inc. Avoca, PA	X	3	---	---	3 BE99	2,009	9,500
Ransome Airlines Cornwell Hts., PA	X	9	---	---	1 DHC-6 8 Nord 262A	4,666	14,960
Seaplane Shuttle Transport, Inc. New York, NY	---	1	---	1 DHC-6 Float	---	475	80
Suburban Airlines, Inc. Reading, PA	X	5	---	---	4 DHC-6 1 BE99	5,506	---
Summit Airlines Middletown, DE	X	7	---	---	7 SC7	2,879	28,000
Virginia Air Cargo Co., Inc. Charlottesville, VA	X	2	---	---	2 SC7	623	8,000

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
GREAT LAKES REGION Total 23 Operators	---	96	3	63	30	42,323	192,034
Air Illinois, Inc. Carbondale, IL	X	2	---	---	2 DHC-6	3,459	1,600
Air New Ulm New Ulm, MN	X	1	---	1 PA31	---	384	1,220
Air Wisconsin, Inc. Appleton, WI	X	9	---	---	9 SA226TC	7,880	31,524
Apollo Airways, Inc. Detroit, MI	X	3	---	1 BE-C45 1 BE Westwd.	1 HP-13 Jetstream	646	4,300
Basler Flight Service, Inc. Oshkosh, WI	X	2	---	2 DC-3	---	57	12,000
Blackhawk Airways, Inc. Janesville, WI	X	7	---	3 BE-D18 4 BE-E18	---	1,310	16,600
Britt Airlines, Inc. Danville, IL	X	7	---	---	7 BE99	5,006	14,000
Eagle Aviation, Inc. Flint, MI	X	7	---	1 BE-E18S 6 AC680	---	1,145	18,600
Fontana Aviation, Inc. Iron Mountain, MI	X	2	---	2 BE-H18S	---	256	4,000
Galion Commuter Service Galion, OH	X	2	---	2 DH114	---	2,046	1,800
General Aviation, Inc. Willoughby, OH	X	6	---	4 BE-E18 1 PA Aztec 1 AC560F	---	935	12,200
Grognet Flying Service Shawano, WI	X	1	---	1 BE-C18S	---	136	2,160
Johnston Airways Chicago, IL	X	3	---	1 BE-D18S 2 BE18-C45	---	562	7,800
Lake Central Aviation, Inc. Traverse City, MI	X	1	---	1 C402	---	310	N/A
Mesaba Aviation Grand Rapids, MN	X	6	---	1 C421 1 C402 3 C310	1 BE99	1,525	13,340



Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont.)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
Midstate Air Commuter Marshfield, WI	X	5	---	1 BE-H18	4 BE99	5,770	15,500
Mississippi Valley Airlines La Crosse, WI	X	4	---	---	1 SA226 3 BE99	3,139	3,200
P.D.Q. Air Charter, Inc. Pontiac, MI	X	8	1 BE-A36 Bonanza 1 BE-V35A Bonanza	1 BE58 Baron 2 AS600 1 BE80 1 BE55 Baron 1 RC-680W	---	1,535	6,900
Phillips Airlines Michigan City, IN	X	6	---	1 PA30 1 PA31 1 PA34 3 PA23	---	2,724	7,590
Sizer Airways, Inc. Rochester, MN	X	7	1 PA32	4 BE-D18 1 BE Tradewd. 1 AC	---	1,040	10,800
Skystream Airlines, Inc. Plymouth, IN	X	2	---	---	2 BE-B99	1,679	1,200
Viking Intern. Air Freight, Inc. Minneapolis, MN	X	3	---	3 BE-E18S	---	411	6,900
Wings Airlines, Inc. St. Paul, MN	X	2	---	1 PA31 Navajo 1 C402	---	368	2,800

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
NEW ENGLAND REGION Total 13 Operators	---	96	13	66	17	35,251	110,305
Air North, Inc. So. Burlington, VT	X	5	---	---	5 DHC-6	3,980	3,250
Bar Harbor Airways Ellsworth, ME	X	9	---	2 C402	7 BE99	5,024	23,600
Business Aircraft Corp. Stratford, CT	---	5	1 PA32 1 PA28R	1 PA30 1 C310N 1 BE55	---	1,817	500
Corporate Air, Inc. Hartford, CT	X	16	---	7 AS600 4 BE55B 5 PA31	---	3,735	11,800
Downeast Airlines, Inc. Rockland, ME	X	6	---	1 PA23 5 PA31	---	1,806	11,400
Gull Air Hyannis, MA	X	6	---	1 C402A 2 BE-G18S 1 BE-E18S 1 C421 1 PA Aztec	---	2,137	12,075
Merrimack Aviation, Inc. North Andover, MA	X	5	---	3 PA31 1 BE80 Queen Air 1 PA23	---	466	N/A
New England Airlines, Inc. Westerly, RI	X	5	1 C172 2 PA32	1 PA23 1 BN-2A	---	1,538	5,900
Newport Aero, Inc. Newport, RI	X	9	1 PA28 3 C172 1 C177	1 AC560 2 DH104 1 DH11 Heron	---	3,202	980
Pilgrim Aviation & Airlines, Inc. Groton, CT	X	6	---	1 BE-E18	5 DHC-6	5,427	23,000
Precision Valley Aviation, Inc. North Springfield, VT	X	7	2 PA32	5 BE18S	---	753	12,300

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
Provincetown-Boston Airlines, Inc. Provincetown, MA	---	20	1 PA32	9 DC-3 4 PA23 1 C402B 1 BN-2A 4 M404	---	2,451	---
Winnepesaukee Aviation, Inc. Lakeport, NH	X	3	---	2 PA31 1 PA23	---	915	5,500

Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Carrier: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
NORTHWEST REGION Total 9 Operators	---	25	6	14	5	12,655	20,941
Air Courier, Inc. Vancouver, WA	X	1	---	1 C310	---	498	1,400
Air Gemini, Inc. d.b.a. Gemini Airlines Tacoma, WA	X	3	2 C207	1 PA31	---	610	2,800
Arnold Aviation Cascade, ID	---	2	1 C180 1 C206	---	---	27	1,900
Boise Air Service Boise, ID	X	1	---	1 AC680E	---	252	1,600
Cascade Airways, Inc. Spokane, WA	X	5	---	---	5 BE99	4,281	1,000
Execuair, Inc. Richland, WA	X	5	---	5 PA31	---	3,801	---
Harbor Airlines, Inc. Oak Harbor, WA	X	3	---	3 BN-2A	---	2,168	4,800
Pearson Aircraft, Inc. Port Angeles, WA	X	4	1 C207 1 C182	2 C402	---	740	6,300
Sun Basin Airlines, Inc. Moses Lake, WA	---	1	---	1 C402B	---	278	1,141



Table 9. Commuter Air Carrier Operators by Name, Type of Operation Approved, Type of Aircraft, Number of Flights, and Cargo Capacity: September 1976 (cont)

Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
PACIFIC REGION Total 6 Operators	---	24	3	21	0	19,454	41,038
Air Pacific International, Inc. Tamuning, GU	X	1	---	1 DC-3	---	589	6,200
Alif Air Hawaii d.b.a. Brandt Air Honolulu, HI	---	3	---	1 BE-H18 1 BE-E18 1 BE-C45J	---	1,884	6,738
Horizon Air Service, Ltd. Honolulu, HI	---	4	2 PA32 1 C207	1 BN-2A	---	1,222	5,300
Island Pacific Air Service Honolulu, HI	X	3	---	3 C402	---	2,160	6,300
Royal Hawaiian Air Service Honolulu, HI	X	11	---	7 C402A 4 C402	---	12,845	16,500
Universal Enterprises, Inc. Kahu B Kauai Airlines Associated Aviation Activities Honolulu, HI	---	2	---	2 C402	---	754	N/A

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Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION Total 9 Operators	---	67	22	41	4	13,573	98,240
Combs Airways, Inc. Billings, MT	X	15	---	14 AC500B 1 BE-B55 Baron	---	2,724	26,700
Delta Air Service, Inc. Delta, CO	---	7	1 C180A 1 C180H 2 C182 1 C206U	1 PA18 1 PA23	---	281	5,436
Pro Airlines, Inc. Rapid City, SD	X	5	---	3 BE-D18S 2 BE-E18S	---	743	10,000
Rocky Mountain Airways, Inc. Denver, CO	X	4	---	---	4 DHC-6	4,150	14,800
Sky West Aviation, Inc. St. George, UT	X	7	1 C210 2 C206 1 C207	3 PA31	---	1,580	3,000
Sterling Air Service, Inc. Sterling, CO	X	6	1 C172 1 C177 2 C182 1 C206 1 C210	---	---	320	4,794
Sun Valley-Key Ogden, UT	X	8	---	5 PA31 3 CV440	---	1,133	23,300
Trans-American Airways, Inc. Denver, CO	---	4	---	4 C402B	---	828	1,800
Valley Airpark, Inc. Fort Collins, CO	X	9	4 PA2B 1 PA32-300 2 PA32R-300	1 PA23-250 1 PA23-250T	---	1,324	8,410
Western Air Stages, Inc. Grand Junction, CO	X	2	---	2 BE-B80	---	490	---

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Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
SOUTHERN REGION Total 36 Operators	---	215	17	157	41	74,172	569,353
Academy Airlines Griffin, GA	X	2	---	2 DC-3	---	225	14,542
Aero Caribe Ponce, PR	---	2	---	1 AC500 1 BE-D18	---	546	3,960
Air Caribbean Isla Verde, PR	Not Available	6	---	5 DC-3 1 BE50-TW Bonanza	---	797	14,250
Air Mont, Inc. Vieques, PR	---	2	---	1 TW Bonanza 1 PA34 Seneca	---	730	2,600
Air South, Inc. St. Simons Island, GA	X	10	---	10 DC-3	---	824	19,000
Air Sunshine Key West, FL	X	5	---	4 DC-3 1 BE18-TW	---	1,834	---
Alair, Inc. Glasgow, KY	---	2	---	1 PA31 1 PA34	---	74	200
All Island Air, Inc. St. Thomas, PR	---	3	---	2 PA23 1 BN-2A	---	295	4,000
Antilles Air Boats, Inc. St. Thomas, VI	---	14	---	12 G-21A 2 G-73	---	8,633	6,000
Aviation Consultants d.b.a. Check-Air, Inc. Orlando, FL	X	2	---	---	2 BE818 Turbine	619	9,600
Aviation Services, Inc. Bessemer, AL	X	3	1 C206 1 C206T	1 C310T	---	984	2,380
Caribbean Air Services, Inc. St. Croix, VI	X	9	---	1 DC-C47 8 CT-C46	---	521	127,500
Chalk's International Airline, Inc. Miami, FL	---	5	---	5 G-73	---	1,431	12,500
Clipper Air International, Inc. St. Croix, VI	---	2	---	1 PA34 Seneca 1 BE18 Volpar-Tri- Gear-Conv.	---	181	3,000

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Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
Dorado Wings, Inc. Dorado, PR	---	10	---	7 BN-2A 1 PA31 2 PA23	---	968	3,800
Federal Express Corp. Memphis, TN	X	29	---	---	29 DA-20	13,176	185,600
Florence Airlines, Inc. Florence, SC	X	8	2 PA32 1 PA28	2 PA34 3 PA31	---	2,314	10,300
Florida Airlines, Inc. Tampa, FL	X	13	---	3 C402A 10 DC-3	---	1,634	20,770
Jackson Air Center, Inc. d.b.a. Hankins Airways, Inc. Jackson, MS	X	2	1 PA32 Cherokee	1 BE18-TW	---	390	3,000
Marco Island Airways, Inc. Opa Locka, FL	X	3	---	3 M404	---	404	11,100
Meridian Air Cargo, Inc. Meridian, MS	X	7	2 PA32	5 DC-3	---	---	39,700
Morgan Air Transport, Inc. Pensacola, FL	X	1	---	---	1 BE3NM Exped.	369	1,700
Palmas Air Corp. Santurce, PR	---	3	1 PA24	2 BN-2A	---	51	5,548
Pinehurst Airlines, Inc. Pinehurst, NC	X	4	---	4 DC-3	---	611	28,000
Puerto Rico Intern. Airlines Isla Verde, PR	X	22	---	22 DH114-2X	---	21,679	---
Resort Air Service, Inc. Southern Pines, NC	X	8	1 PA32 2 PA28	1 PA23 1 PA30 2 BE58	1 BE100	190	Not Used
Shawnee Airlines, Inc. Orlando, FL	X	4	---	2 DC-3 2 M404	---	587	15,400
Skyway Aviation, Inc. Jackson, MS	X	9	1 PA32 1 C206	4 BE-E18 1 DC-3	2 BE90	2,630	N/A
South Central Air Transport, Inc. McComb, MS	X	3	---	---	3 HP137	1,406	2,730



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Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
Southeastern Commuter d.b.a. Coastal Air, Ltd. Pine Mountain, GA	X	2	1 PA32	---	1 DH104 Dove	408	N/A
Southern Flyer, Inc. d.b.a. Coastal Airways Hattiesburg, MS	X	3	---	3 C402A	---	1,527	N/A
Tampa Air Center, Inc. Tampa, FL	X	1	---	1 BE-G18S	---	126	2,000
Vieques Air Link, Inc. Vieques, PR	---	8	2 PA32	6 BN-2A	---	4,757	12,155
Virgin Air, Inc. St. Thomas, VI	---	3	---	2 PA23 1 BE-C45J	---	132	---
Virginia Air Cargo Co., Inc. Charlottesville, VA	X	2	---	---	2 SV-SC7	623	8,000
Wheeler Flying Service, Inc. Research Triangle Park, NC	X	3	---	3 PA31 Navajo Chief.	---	2,496	---

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Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
SOUTHWESTERN REGION Total 13 Operators	---	86	2	53	31	32,434	150,742
Astro Airways, Corp. Pine Bluff, AR	X	3	1 PA32	1 BE18 1 PA34	---	247	3,400
Central Flying Service, Inc. Little Rock, AR	X	1	---	1 BE-E18S	---	120	2,000
Davis Airlines, Inc. Bryan, TX	X	5	---	4 C402A 1 BN-2A	---	2,373	8,632
Falcon Airways, Inc. Addison, TX	X	6	---	1 BE-D18 3 DC-3	1 HA-1 1 CJ600 Carstedt	1,096	33,500
Great Western Airlines Tulsa, OK	X	34	---	1 PA30 7 PA23 10 BE-G18S 1 PA30 11 BE-E18S	2 BE-D18ST 2 BE-E18ST	1,208	75,400
Metroflight, Inc. Tyler, TX	X	9	---	---	9 DHC-6	11,010	7,200
Rio Airways, Inc. Killeen, TX	X	9	---	---	9 BE99	8,485	5,400
Ross Aviation Incorporated Albuquerque, NM	X	6	---	4 PA2T	2 DHC-6	1,122	560
Royale Airlines, Inc. Shreveport, LA	X	5	---	1 PA31	4 BE99	3,459	6,800
Scheduled Skyways Fayetteville, AR	X	3	---	1 PA31 1 C310	1 BE99	1,211	2,050
The Expeditors & Texas Air Freight Houston, TX	---	1	C206	---	---	70	1,500
Trans-Regional Airline Big Spring, TX	X	2	---	1 C402 1 PA31 Navajo Chief.	---	334	2,000
Zia Airlines Company Las Cruces, NM	X	2	---	2 C402A	---	1,699	2,800

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Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
WESTERN REGION Total 19 Operators	---	93	12	56	25	50,376	120,050
Air Catalina San Pedro, CA	X	4	---	4 G-21A	---	6,495	7,200
Air Charter West Oakland, CA	X	4	---	4 DC-3	---	364	30,000
Bakersfield Aviation Services Bakersfield, CA	X	2	---	2 BE-E18S	---	512	4,000
Borrego Springs Airline Borrego Springs, CA	X	2	---	1 C402	1 SA Met.	855	N/A
Catalina Air Lines, Inc. Long Beach, CA	X	3	---	3 G-21A	---	3,457	0
Catalina-Vegas Airlines Newport Beach, CA	X	1	1 PA32	---	---	168	0
Cochise Airlines, Inc. Tucson, AZ	X	4	---	1 C421B 2 C402B	1 DHC-6	870	9,050
Eureka Aero Industries, Inc. Eureka, CA	X	8	---	2 BE-E18S 3 C402B 2 C310	1 DHC-6	2,434	12,700
Golden West Airlines, Inc. Newport Beach, CA	X	12	---	---	12 DHC-6	14,514	9,400
Grand Canyon Airlines Grand Canyon, AZ	X	4	1 C182 1 C207T 1 C207	1 BN-2	---	356	0
Imperial Commuter Airlines, Inc. Imperial, CA	X	1	---	1 BE-B80	---	644	600
Lake Havasu Air Service Lake Havasu City, AZ	---	2	1 PA32 1 C182	---	---	196	320
Marin Aviation d.b.a. California Air Commuter Oakland, CA	X	6	---	3 PA31 1 PA23 2 PA34	---	4,390	9,300
Nevada Airlines Las Vegas, NV	X	4	---	3 DC-3	1 BE-C45H	260	1,800
Nor-Cal Airlines Redding, CA	X	2	---	1 PA31 1 C402C	---	953	3,100

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Name and Location	IFR Operation Approved	Total Aircraft	Type of Aircraft			Number Of Departures	Available Cargo Capacity*
			Piston		Turbine		
			Single Engine	Multiengine			
Scenic Airlines, Inc. Las Vegas, NV	X	16	2 C207	2 C402B 2 C402A 4 C402 2 C402 Turbostar	3 SA Met. 1 DHC-6	4,674	1,380
Sierra Pacific Airlines, Inc. Burbank, CA	X	5	---	---	2 CV580 3 HP137	1,703	10,200
Skywest, Inc. Page, AZ	---	7	2 C206 1 C207 1 C210	3 PA31-350 Navajo Chief.	---	1,580	3,000
Swift Aire Lines, Inc. San Luis Obispo, CA	X	6	---	6 DH114	---	5,951	18,000

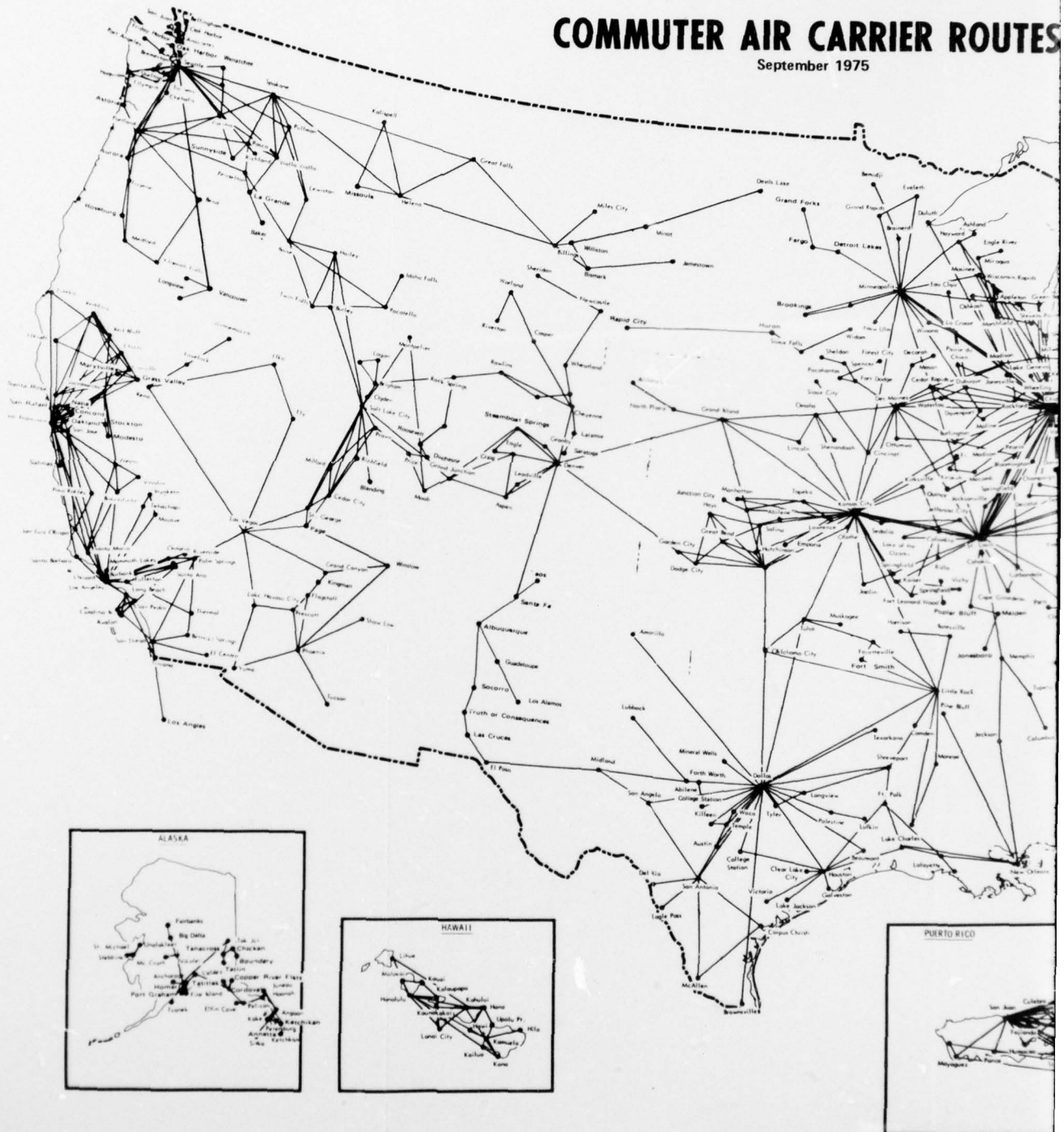
List of Abbreviations

AC	Aero Commander	HP	Handley-Page
AS	Aero Star	LH	Lockheed
BE	Beechcraft	M	Martin
BN	Britten-Norman	N/A	Not Applicable
C	Cessna	PA	Piper
CT	Curtiss	RC	Rockwell Commander
CV	Convair	SA	Swearingen
DA	Dassault	SA Met.	Swearingen Metro
DC	Douglas	SC	Short Brothers
DH	DeHavilland	SV	Skyvan
G	Grumman	TW	Twifn
HA	Hamilton	VT	Volpar Turboliner
HC	Helio Courier		



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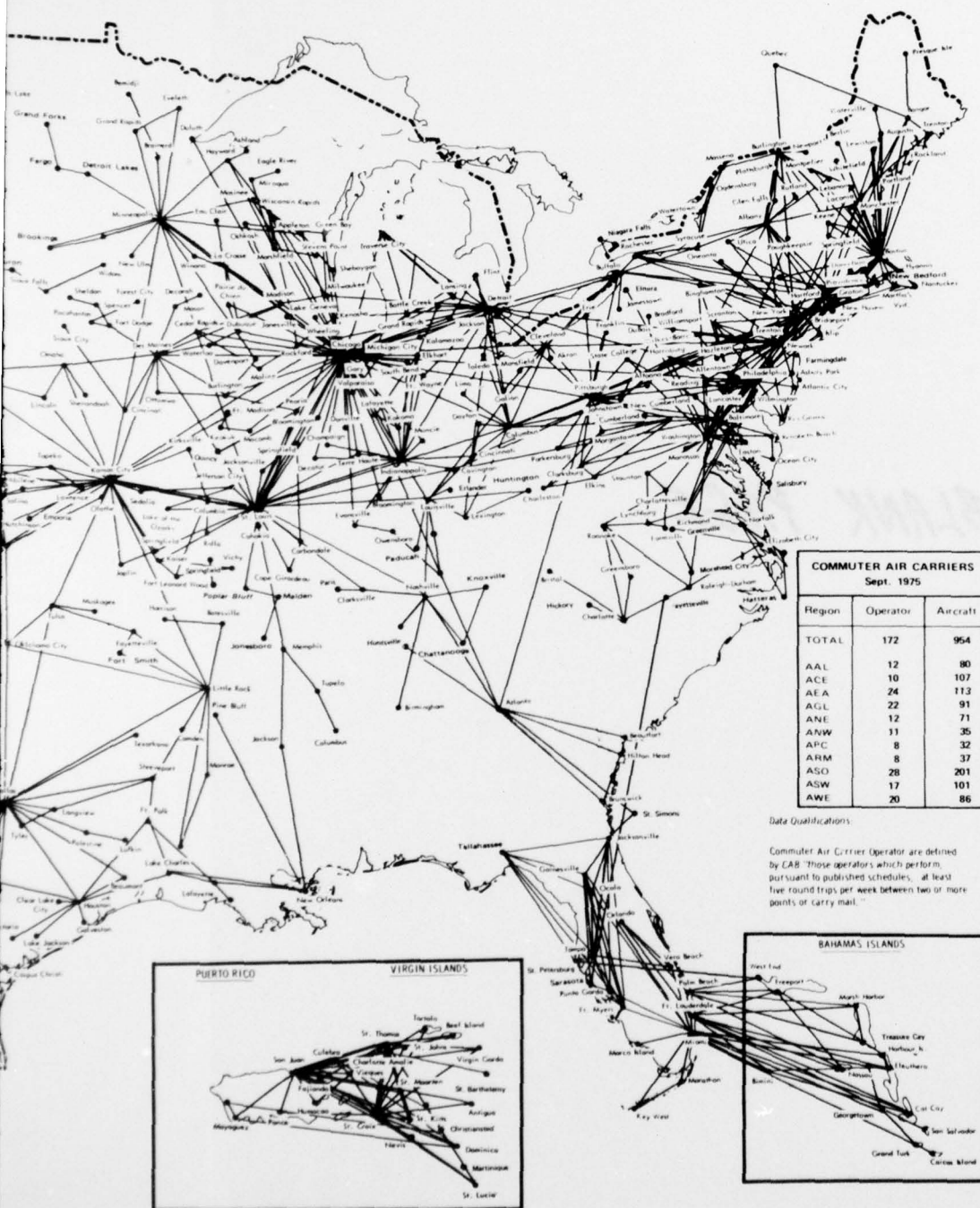
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COMMUTER AIR CARRIER OPERATORS - 1976



COMMUTER AIR CARRIERS Sept. 1975		
Region	Operator	Aircraft
TOTAL	172	954
AAL	12	80
ACE	10	107
AEA	24	113
AGL	22	91
ANE	12	71
ANW	11	35
APC	8	32
ARM	8	37
ASO	28	201
ASW	17	101
AWE	20	86

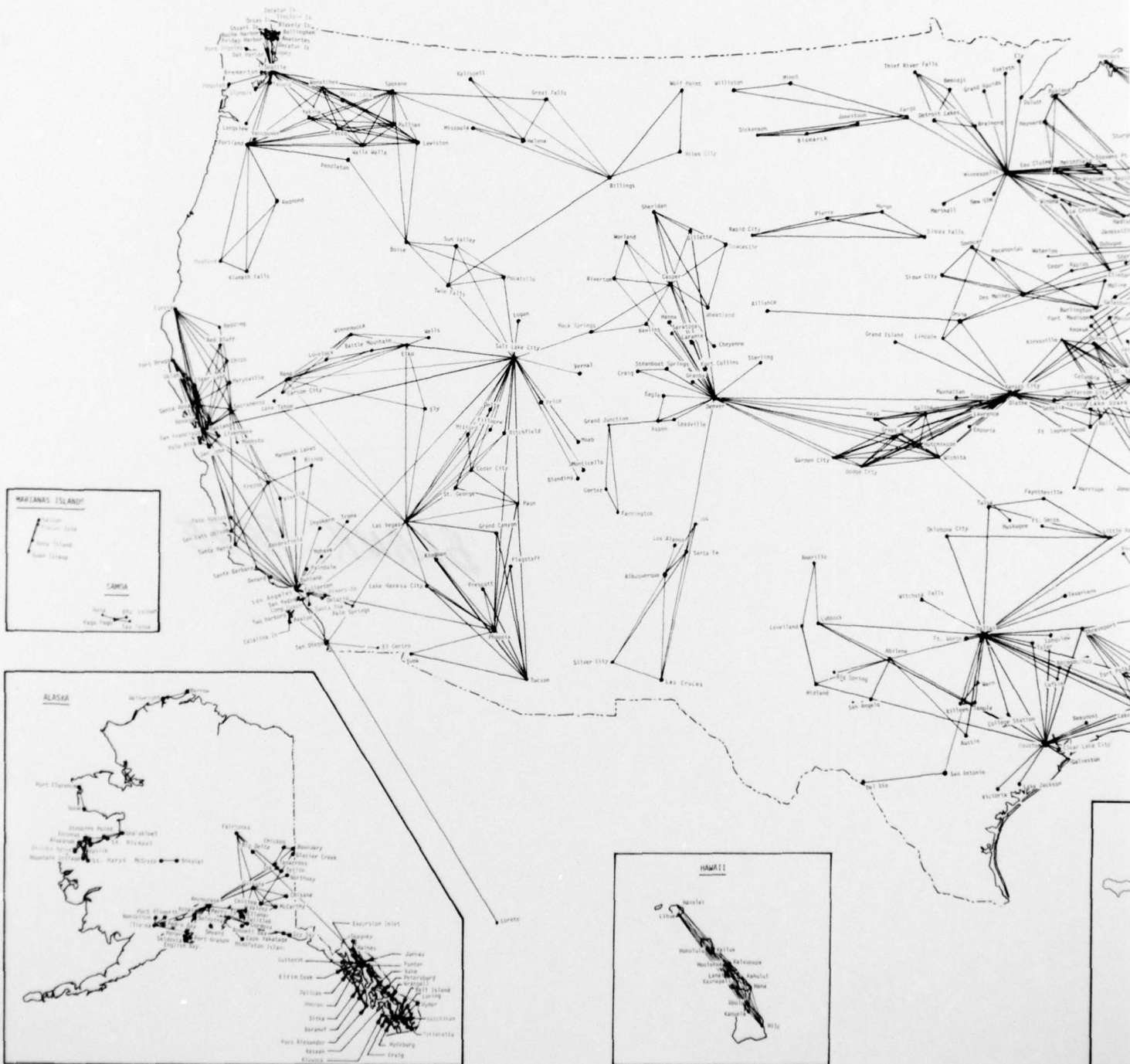
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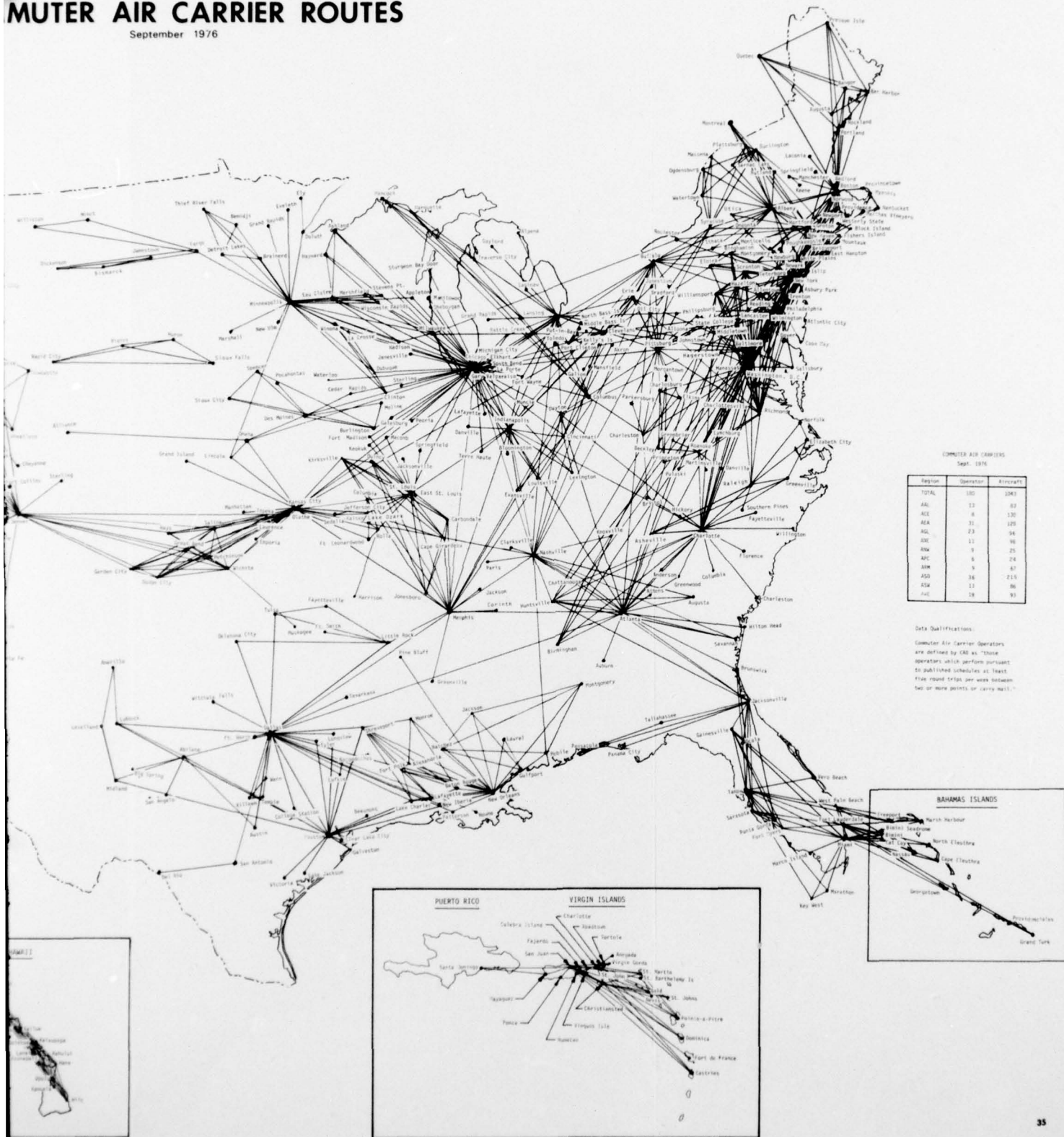
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# MUTER AIR CARRIER ROUTES

September 1976

COMMUTER AIR CARRIER OPERATORS - 1976



COMMUTER AIR CARRIERS  
Sept. 1976

Region	Operator	Aircraft
TOTAL	130	1061
AAI	13	83
ACE	8	130
AEA	31	120
AGL	23	94
AGE	11	96
AWM	9	25
APC	6	24
AMM	9	67
ASD	16	215
ASA	13	86
AVC	18	93

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## GLOSSARY

The following terms are used in this publication and the general definitions given here are intended to help the reader comprehend the data presented. Technical detail has been omitted from these definitions.

CAB. Civil Aeronautics Board.

COMMUTER AIR CARRIER OPERATOR. An air taxi operator which: (1) performs at least five round trips per week between two or more points and publishes flight schedules which specify the times, days of the week, and places between which such flights are performed; or (2) transports mail by air pursuant to a current contract with the U.S. Postal Service.

FAA. Federal Aviation Administration.

FAA REGION. A principal subdivision of the Federal Aviation Administration composed of groups of states organized to carry out FAA programs under the executive direction of a regional director within the specific geographical boundaries.

FLIGHT. The transit by an aircraft from a point of origin to a point of destination.

HELICOPTER. See ROTORCRAFT

IFR. Instrument flight rules.

INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES. FAR rules that govern the procedures for conducting instrument flight (FAR Part 91).

ROTORCRAFT. A heavier-than-air aircraft that depends principally on the lift generated by one or more rotors for its support in flight (FAR Part 1).

TURBINE-POWERED AIRCRAFT. Aircraft with either turbojet, turbofan, turbo-prop, or turboshaft engines.

TURBOJET (Turbine-Powered Aircraft). Aircraft operated by jet engines incorporating a turbine-driven air compressor to take in and compress the air for the combustion of fuel, the gases of combustion (or the heated air) being used both to rotate the turbine and to create a thrust-producing jet.

TURBOPROP (Turbine-Powered Aircraft). Aircraft in which the main propulsive force is supplied by a gas, turbine-driven propeller. Additional propulsive force may be supplied from the discharged turbine exhaust gas.